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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VARIOUS PETROLEUM TRAINING

FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE EFFORTS

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1. JULY 2, 1975 LETTER TO YOU FROM MMP, NOW MPE, NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO ATTEND OGCi COURSES IN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER ALSO NOMINATED O.A. OKANLA AND J.A.I. IRO TO ATTEND APPLIED RESERVOIR ENGINEERING COURSE IN FEBRUARY-MARCH. REF. (E) INFORMED US 1976 SCHEDULE NOT FIRM AND COURSE PROBABLY WOULD BE POSTPONED TO APRIL 12-23.

3. EMBASSY FOLLOWING UP TRAINING PROPOSALS WITH MINISTRY TO SEE IF THEY STILL INTEND TO SEND OKANLA AND IRO OKANLA HAS BECOME ASSISTANTDIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND SEEMS TO BE NEXT IN IMPORTANT TO F.R.A. MARINHO IN NEGOTIATING PRICES WITH COMPANIES (LITTLE IS HEARD OR SEEN THESE DAYS OF LOLOMARI). OKANLA HAS BEEN A LEADING HARDLINER ON ISSUE OF RAISING PRICES, AND PRODUCING COMPANIES ARE ANGRY AT WHAT THEY FEEL WAS HIS IRRESPONSIBLE ARBITRARINESS IN BREAKING WHAT THEY TOOK TO BE A FIRM AGREEMENT ON THEIR FIRST QUARTER DIRECT PURCHASE PRICES. VISIT TO U.S. COULD PROVIDE CHANCE TO EXPOSE OKANLA TO MODERATING INFLUENCES IF MPE COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SET ASIDE SOME EXTRA TIME AND FUNDS FOR HIM TO VISIT A FEW COMPANIES AFTER THE COURSE. FACT THAT MPE

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AND NOT USG FOOTING THE BILL AVAoids APPEARANCE OF REWARDING OKANLA

FOR KICKING OUR SHINS, THOUGH OF COURSE IT ALSO MEANS WE HAVE
LITTLE DIRECT INFLUENCE ON WHETHER HE GOES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IF LOLLIS COULD QUERY OGC I WHETHER APRIL DATE
IS FIRM, AND ALSO WHETHER OGC I COULD MAIL SEVERAL COPIES OF 1976
PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES IF SCHEDULE NOW FIRM.

3. WE INFORMED MEA NOVEMBER 3 THAT TWO USIS GRANTS IN ENERGY
FIELD WERE AVAILABLE AND REQUESTED NOMINATIONS. MEA ASKED FOR
TIME UNTIL FEB. 1 TO SUBMIT NAMES. USIS AGREED AND WE ARE NOW
WAITING. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

5.HAVE SENT MARINHO IGT CATALOGUE FOR 1976 AND OFFERED TO ASSIST
SHOULD MPE DESIRE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ANY COURSES IN GAS
ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY.
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